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- 1. ACCORDING TO ZNANIE LECTURER A.I. ELBAKIAN, SOVIET MEAT CONSUMPTION WAS DOWN 11PERCENT ON A PER CAPITA BASIS LAST YEAR. ELBAKIAN HASTENED TO ADD THE SITUATION IS BEING CHANGED WITH AN ADDITION OF ONE MILLION HEAD OF CATTLE AND SEVEN MILLION HOGS TO THE HERDS. HE PUT ANNUAL SOVIET MEAT CONSUMPTION AT 85.9 KILOGRAMS PER CAPITA.
- 2. SPEAKING IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE SOVIET DIET FOLLOWING HIS LECTURE ON "SIXTY YEARS OF SOVIET ECONOMICS", HE ALSO STATED THE ROLE OF THE POTATO SEEMS TO BE DIMINISHING IN THE NATIONAL DIET WHILE THE INTAKE OF SUGAR (40 KILOGRAMS) REMAINS THE SAME. HE IDENTIFIED THE WEAK SPOTS IN THE DIETARY ECONOMY AS MEAT, FRUITS, AND "GASTRONOMIC DELICACIES." NEUBERT

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